(क) और (ख) जैसा कि 9 दिसम्बर, 1987 को सदन के पटल पर रखे गए, की गई कार्रवाई संबंधी ज्ञापन में बताया गया है, सरकार ने न्यायमूर्ति ठक्कर-नटराजन जांच आयोग के निष्कर्षों को स्वीकार कर लिया है। इस आयोग की विभिन्न सिफारिशों की जांच की जा रही है और उन पर की गई कार्रवाई, जांच आयोग अधिनियम, 1952 की धारा 3(4) के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

गंगा-कावेरी लिंक परियोजना के लिए अनिवासी भारतीयों से सहायता

*106. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री 8 दिसम्बर, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 3331 के लिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को अमरीका में रह रहे कुछ अनिवासी भारतीयों से गंगा-कावेरी लिंक परियोजना के निर्माण कार्य में सहायता प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Abolition of Cess on Vegetable Oil

*108. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government abolished the cess on vegetable oil on March 1, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the cess was being collected till March 21, 1987 in spite of its abolition on which date the Cotton, Copra and Vegetable Oil Cess Abolition Act, 1987 came into force;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to return the money that was collected after March 1, 1987; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Government's decision to abolish cess on vegetable oils was announced in the Budget 1986-87. However as the cess was leviable under the Vegetable Oils Cess Act, 1983 it had to be repealed before the decision could be given effect to. Accordingly, a Bill to abolish the cess was introduced in the Parliament which was enacted as the Cotton, Copra and Vegetable Oil Cess (Abolition) Act, 1987 on 21-3-87. The cess was therefore rightly leviable during the period 1.3.86 to 20-3-87. The amounts collected as cess during this period are thus not refundable.

India Trade Exhibition held in Malaysia

*109. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an India Trade Exhibition was held recently in Malaysia; and

(b) if so, the main achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indian Exhibition was organised in Kuala Lumpur during January 14—23, 1988 by the Trade Fair Authority of India.

(b) The exhibition was successful in projecting India's industrial and commercial capabilities in diverse fields. Besides business negotiations reported by the participants to the tune of Rs. 57 crores and nearly 4000 trade enquires, firm orders booked amounted to Rs. 52 lakhs.